

¹ 'is a kind of quest of a philosopher's stone. Not only do analyses of political, social and economic forces appear weirdly irrational to Western thought, but they never affected, by any power of reason, the political thought of China. He was always distrusted, while he was alive, by the majority of his countrymen. He will be remembered in time as an historic figure of tragic irony."

We will not quote from Mr. J. O. P. Bland and other witnesses whose trenchant criticisms may rank them among the prejudiced. It will suffice to close with two quotations from American authorities, one a former American Diplomat and Professor of Oriental Languages at the University of California, Dr. E. T. Williams; the other, a former journalist, and at the time of writing, an Adviser to the Chinese Foreign Office, Mr. T. F. Millard.

Dr. Williams in his "Short History of China" stated that

"His (i.e., Dr. Sun's) impetuous temper seemed to have driven hiTM to hasty actions which his sober judgment would not have approved. To accomplish his ends he joined hands with those whom he had previously condemned and adopted measures of more doubtful propriety. Won by the advances of the Russians, he accepted their friendly proffers of assistance, and thus unwittingly brought increased misery and suffering rather than relief to his countrymen.*"

Mr. Millard in a work *Conflict of Policies in Asia*, published a year before Dr. Sun's death, wrote:—

"He has had every chance to play a great part in the reconstruction of the nation; but somehow he has frittered his chances away, more from lack of practical constructive ability, I think," than from faults of moral character. As casual head of the Canton Government, Sun usually has required about six months to break it down financially,

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gradiloquently ordered
against Peking, which seldom did more ~~to~~^{to}
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bouring localities, and by extravagance in
general. Recently
the *Weekly Review*, an American newspaper
published at
Shanghai, gave a prize for the best plan to
obtain internal
peace in the nation; and a plan submitted by a
native of
Kwangtung consisted of four words: * Banish
Sun Yat-sen," *